July 1—Cloudy and began to rain; traveled about 15 miles; repaired handcarts. A storm came about 11 that night. It split the tent and there was not a dry thread on us.

A boy was lost and at another time a man was lost, but after a long search both were found.

July 9—Rested at Florence City, mending handcarts and women washing.

July 20—Started again and traveled seven miles.

July 22—Passed over the ferry at Elkhorn.

July 24—Very hot—went about 18 miles.

July 26—Passed over the ferry at Luke Fort — traveled about six miles when it looked very heavy and black. We had not gone far when it began lightning and the thunder roared. In about the middle of the train of handcarts the lightning struck a brother and he fell dead. His name was Henry Walker, from Carlisle, age 58. Left a wife and two sons. I put the body, with the help of the others, on handcart and pulled him two miles to camp, and buried him without a coffin. There were no boards available.

August 2—We saw many buffalo; traveled about 18 miles.

August 6—Were thousands of buffalo; four were killed for food; 14 last of buffalo seen, some were killed and dried.

August 23—Traveled about 16 miles—camped by Platte River. Our allowance of flour tonight was 1 lb. per person, for this I was thankful, for I never was so hungry.

Captain Ellsworth shot a cow, which was received thankfully.

September 5—Rested, rained all day.

September 6—Lost cattle.

September 12—Sarah very poorly. Archer Walters and family were tent mates of the Lees. He died a fortnight after arriving in Salt Lake. He helped John Lee to make all the untimely coffins and to bury their fellow travelers.

We arrived September 26, 1856, in Salt Lake Valley, in the Edmund Ellsworth company. They rested a week in Salt Lake and went to Spanish Fork—stayed there three years.

Then we moved up Provo Valley, now known as Wasatch County. There were 28 families here then. John and Sarah Lee had 12 children born to them, four boys and eight girls. Their home was the first one with a fireplace and chimney in when finished. She was a midwife. At Christmas they had the first party in the valley. In the summer, Sarah gathered ground cherries and dried them, then in the fall she made syrup from beets, and at Christmas time she preserved the dried ground cherries in the beet syrup and made a plum pudding for the Christmas dessert.

John Lee helped build bridges and kill rattlesnakes. Midway was alive with them.

He was a Black Hawk War veteran.

John Lee was loved by all who knew him, and was a hard worker and an honest man.

John and Sarah had 12 children, 64 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. They always were singing and had prayer at night.

She died at home in Wasatch County, September 14, 1909.

John Lee died at Heber City on June 18, 1907.

Both were buried in Heber City.

RACHEL ANN JONES LEE AND ORSON HENRY LEE



Rachel Ann Jones Lee was born January 8, 1861, in Fairview, Sanpete County, Utah, daughter of Elisha and Sarah Ann Cummings Jones.

She was baptized September 5, 1869.

She was married to Orson Henry Lee on February 12, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. She served as Relief Society president many years in the Elkhorn Ward. She was a kind and loving wife, mother and neighbor, always ready to assist anyone in time of sickness or trouble.

To help with the family finances, at different times she had a general store in

her front room. She baked 18 loaves of bread every day for six or eight months for the men who were building the railroad grade that went through their property. She raised geese to sell and took in boarders, men who worked in the Ontario mine.

She was noted for her beautiful handwork of all kinds, receiving awards in county and state fairs. She was an invalid the last 10 years of her life, but continued to create beautiful gifts for friends and relatives. She was a widow 18 years, passing away January 22, 1940, at Daniels, Wasatch County, Utah, at the age of 79.

Orson Henry Lee was born October 28, 1850, in Sheffield, Yorkshire, England, son of Thomas Octavis and Ellen Tadwell Lee.

He was baptized in 1858 at Sheffield, England, from which country he left in 1863 at the age of 13, arriving in Salt Lake that same fall.

He was rebaptized May 18, 1878, and ordained an Elder the following day. He married Rachel Ann Jones on February 12, 1880, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. To this union were born seven children, six of whom still live. They spent most of their married life on a dairy farm in Elkhorn. For approximately 35 years he made a daily trip from Elkhorn to Park City, supplying the mines with meat and dairy products.

He was superintendent of the Sunday School and first counselor to the bishop for 15 years. He served as bishop 10 years. After that he was a ward teacher. He was kind, inoffensive, humble and a true Latter-day Saint. He died November 15, 1922, in Heber, at the age of 72.

THOMAS OCTAVIOUS LEE AND ELLEN TADWELL LEE



Thomas Octavious Lee, son of Richard and Lydia Lee, was born in Nottingham, England, December 4, 1823. In March of 1844 he and Ellen Tadwell were married. Ellen, daughter of Thomas Tadwell and Mary Nodder of Mansfield, England, was a member of the LDS Church, and so was her husband, he being the only member of his family to join. They became the parents of four children. The oldest daughter died of smallpox when very young.

Thomas Lee performed a one-year mission for the Church at Barnsley, England, while the children were small. Ellen, her children and two other families lived in the Social Hall at Sheffield, where she helped to keep the hall clean, took in washing, helped the missionaries from America, and taught Sunday School classes.

In 1860, Ellen Lee and the oldest son, John, came to Utah, crossing the plains in Joseph W. Young's company. They worked in Salt Lake City to earn money to help with travel expenses for the rest of the family to come to Utah.

Thomas O. Lee and his children, Mary Lavina, 17, and Orson Henry, 13, arrived in Salt Lake City in the autumn of 1863. They traveled by train and in a box car as far as St. Joseph, Missouri. The American Civil War was on and they were glad for even a box car. Then they crossed the plains in a handcart company. In 1864 the family moved to Heber, but in March of 1865, Thomas Lee was killed in a rockslide while getting out sandstone east of Heber, with the intention of using it to build a home for his family.

Ellen Lee and son John moved back to Salt Lake to get work, while Orson stayed with his sister Mary, who had married William Denton Moulton. During the holiday period of 1867, John Lee was making a trip from Salt Lake to Heber to visit his sister and brother when he became lost in a blizzard, being trapped in deep snow for eight days before being found, badly frozen, and taken the last 15 miles to his sister's home. He suffered terribly for three weeks longer before he died. Because of the severe winter his mother was unable to attend his funeral.

Ellen Lee moved back to Heber and lived until she was 77 years old. She did whatever she could for her support, with help from Orson and Mary. Young people loved her. She taught Sunday School 20